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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: SADAT VISIT TO US

1. FOR PAST SEVERAL DAYS, LOCAL MEDIA HAVE HIGHLIGHTED THOSE REMARKS BY PRESIDENT SADAT TO US AUDIENCES WHICH STRESSED HIS DETERMINATION THAT PALESTINIANS' "RIGHTS" MUST BE RESTORED. NOVEMBER 1 HEADLINES SWITCH TO EMPHASIS ON BASIC IDENTITY OF VIEWS BETWEEN CAIRO AND DAMASCUS. AHRAH BANNERS: "SADAT: THERE IS NO DEEP GULF IN EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN RELATIONS."

2. LEAD STORIES FEATURE SADAT'S REMARKS AT CHICAGO PRESS CONFERENCE DURING WHICH HE REPORTEDLY SAID PRESIDENT FORD HAS INSTRUCTED STATE DEPT TO ENDEAVOR IMMEDIATELY BRING ABOUT NEW GOLAN DISENGAGEMENT. DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EGYPT AND SYRIA, SADAT ADDED, ARE ORDINARY PROBLEMS WHICH CROP UP AMONG MEMBERS OF SAME FAMILY. AHRAH EDITORIAL TAKES SIMILAR SOOTHING LINE, A RADICAL DEPARTURE FROM THE ALMOST DAILY CASTIGATION OF B'ATHI OBSTRUCTIONISM WHICH HAS BEEN CHARACTERISTIC OF EDITORIAL PAGES FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. MININFO'S ORDERS TO MEDIA WOULD APPEAR TO BE THAT  
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EDITORS SHOULD ACCENTUATE IMAGE OF SADAT AS THE LEADING

ARAB STATESMAN WHO IS TAKING CONSTRUCTIVE, AGGRESSIVELY ARAB  
(VICE EGYPTIAN) LINE IN HIS PRIVATE AND PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS IN U.S.

3. REPORTING OF SADAT'S REMARKS ON ARMS SALES ALSO SEEM  
TO REFLECT AN ALMOST SELF-CONSCIOUS EFFORT TO PORTRAY HIM AS  
ARAB STATESMAN, NOT EGYPTIAN POLITICIAN. SADAT IS QUOTED  
AS FAVORING US-USSR DETENTE TO LIMIT ARMS SUPPLIES TO ME  
AFTER ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL, ADDING THAT HE HAS EMPHASIZED TO  
PRESIDENT FORD THAT US MISSILE SALES TO ISRAEL WILL ESCALATE  
ARMS RACE AND IMPEDE SETTLEMENT.

4. DEFENDING HIMSELF AGAINST "ZIONIST" CLAIM THAT HE IS  
ANTI-SEMITIC, SADAT REPORTEDLY TOLD PRESS CONFERENCE HE  
CONDEMNS ZIONISM BECAUSE IT BROUGHT TERRORISM TO ME. MAYOR  
BEAME, DESPITE REFUSAL GREET SADAT, WOULD BE WELCOME IN EGYPT:  
"WE ARE ARABS AND HAVE TRADITIONS."

5. COMMENT: BEAME INCIDENT AND DISCLAIMERS BY AMERICAN  
SOURCES THAT ZIONISM DID NOT RPT NOT BRING TERRORISM TO ME  
PROVIDE PARTICULARLY QUOTABLE ITEMS IN LOCAL MEDIA, SINCE  
ARABS READING EGYPTIAN PAPERS AND LISTENING TO AREA-WIDE  
EGYPTIAN RADIO ARE BEING FORCIBLY REMINDED NOT ONLY THAT  
PRESIDENT OF EGYPT IS CONSIDERED BY "ZIONISTS" AS FOE  
WORTH THEIR STEEL, BUT ALSO BECAUSE HE IS, IN ARAB TERMS,  
DOING SKILLFUL JOB OF "EXPLAINING" TO AMERICAN PUBLIC  
OPINION THAT "ZIONISTS", NOT ARABS, BLOCK WAY TO FINAL  
JUST ME SETTLEMENT.  
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